

WETLANDS COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 27, 2012

The Wetlands Council met on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 in Rooms 112, 113, & 114 at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

Attendees: Chairman Chip Kimball, Councilors: Frank Byron, Carol Henderson, James Kennedy, Deborah Lievens, Russ St. Pierre, Seth Prescott, Susan Slack, Thomas Sloan

Absentees: Councilors: Sharon Champagne, Ryan Crosbie, and Robert Snelling

Also present were: Paula Scott, Appeals Clerk and Carolyn Guerdet, Council Clerk.

The regular Wetlands Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Kimball at 8:22 a.m. with introductions and a quorum present.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- ***Councilor Byron made a motion to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes with amendments, second by Councilor Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.***

2. **Public Input:** None

3. **Old Business** - None

4. **New Business**

a. ARM Fund Report – Lori Sommers, Wetlands Bureau

Lori explained the process the applications went through to be considered for the grant awards. There were 38 pre-proposals that came in and were reviewed. In the end there were 19 applications submitted for the 5 service areas. These were then evaluated and had site visits. The committee, EPA, and the Army Corp of Engineers then ranked the projects. Comments and questions were received from the Council.

Pemigewasset-Winnepesaukee Rivers Service Area:

- ***Councilor Slack made a motion to approve \$100,000 for the protection of the Hazelton Farm in Hebron, second by Councilor Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.***

Salmon Falls – Piscataqua Rivers Service Area:

- ***Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve \$9,000 for the Thompson Brook Stream restoration Project in Greenland, second by Councilor Byron. Motion passed unanimously.***

Merrimack River Service Area:

- ***Councilor Byron made a motion to approve \$237,000 for the Avery Brook Project in Franconia, second by Councilor St. Pierre. Motion passed unanimously.***

- ***Councilor Henderson made a motion to approve \$361,600 for the Crooked Run Project in Barnstead/Pittsfield/Strafford, second by Councilor Slack. Motion passed unanimously with Councilor Byron recused.***
- ***Councilor Lievens made a motion to approve \$507,800 for the protection of the Hinman Pond Property in Hooksett, second by Councilor Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously with Councilor Henderson recused.***
- ***Councilor Henderson made a motion to approve \$150,000 for the Merrimack Riverfront Property in Hooksett, second by Councilor Byron. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Councilor Lievens made a motion to approve \$737,170 for the Pennichuck Brook Project in Merrimack, second by Councilor Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Councilor Slack made a motion to approve \$100,000 for the Plaistow Town Forest Project in Plaistow, second by Councilor Byron. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Councilor Lievens made a motion to approve \$106,430 for the Soucook River Headwaters – Ames Road Forest and Wetlands and Watershed Protection Project in Canterbury, second by Councilor Henderson. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Kimball recused.***

Lower Connecticut River Service Area:

- ***Councilor Lievens made a motion to approve \$132,537 with contingency funds not to exceed a total of \$277,707 specifically earmarked if additional costs associated with the removal of contaminated soils to a permitted facility are required. The protection of the three parcels at the beaver Brook restoration site is also a necessary component of the award, second by Councilor St. Pierre. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Councilor Henderson made a motion to approve \$293,090 for the protection of the Hanchetts Brook Forest and Black Hill Forest in Plainfield. This includes added restriction for buffer protection at the Sky Ranch Pond, second by councilor St, Pierre. Motion passed unanimously with Councilor Kennedy recused.***

Councilor Sloan joins the meeting at 8:58

Middle Connecticut River

- ***Councilor Slack made a motion to approve \$94,000 for the land protection component of the Ammonoosuc Floodplain Restoration and Protection Project in Lisbon, second by Councilor Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Councilor Byron made a motion to approve \$49,800 for the Mink Brook Nature Preserve In-Holding if all three parcels can be purchased and this confirmed by 12/31/2012, second by Councilor Lievens. Motion passed unanimously with Councilor Kennedy recused.***

Lori was thanked for her work on this and the information distributed to the Council.

5. Next Meeting – .

December 11th will also begin at 8 a.m. and have 2 hearings – Hixon Realty Trust Appeal at 9 a.m. and the Brendan and Dana Keegan Appeal at 1 p.m.

6. Adjournment

- ***Councilor Henderson made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilor St. Pierre. Motion passed unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

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HEARING MINUTES

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The Wetlands Council met for
Docket No. 10-31 WtC – Larry Crocker Appeal Hearing
Tuesday, November 27, 2012 in Rooms 112, 113, & 114
at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

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Absentees: Councilors: Sharon Champagne, Ryan Crosbie, Seth Prescott, and Robert Snelling

Also present was: Paula Scott, Appeals Clerk

The Hearing was called to order by Hearings Officer David Conley at 9:15 a.m.

The Hearing concluded at 10:55 a.m.

Deliberations began at 11 a.m. and ended at 11:23 a.m.